

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



Community Health Administration

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
RFA # CHP_ 11.23.09
Capital Health Project Round 4 – School Based Health Centers

Question/Concern	Response
1. Extension of Proposal due date	The due date of the application has been extended to 4:00pm on Tuesday January 5th 2010
2. Who would own the clinic?	The school-based health centers will be part of the schools and accordingly will be "owned" by DCPS.
3. Will the grantee be required to secure a "Certificate of Need?"	The selected organization will have access to operate the SBHC through an agreement with DCPS, as such the grantee will not be required to secure a Certificate of Need to render the services. the grantee must at all times ensure that all of the required services outlined in the application are available through the SBHC.
4. Reference to pg 46- Liability Coverage – What are the requirements?	Liability coverage for individual clinicians and for the facility as a whole is required by the grantee. As such the grantee will be required to show proof and maintain liability coverage on the space while operating the SBHC.
5. Referring to 24 hour service. What would be the hours of operation?	The 24 hour service in the RFA refers to the grantee's responsibility to have a 24 hour call service available beyond the regular hours of operation to respond to non-urgent/emergency related questions similar to what is required of any ambulatory care medical practice.
6. Referring to on site dental services. How critical is it to have on site dental services?	The contractor is expected to have a formal MOU with a dental provider, and is expected to provide case management services to children needing restorative or preventive dental services by linking them to a dental provider.

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<p>7. Will the clinic be required to operate only during DCPS school hours?</p> <p><i>Would we the grantee have any control over the hours of operation</i></p> <p><i>Will DCPS agree to provide coverage for services outside of the normal school hours for the clinics in the form of: security, maintenance, etc?</i></p> <p><i>Is the SBHC expected to provide care to community residents?</i></p>	<p>All of these questions should be addressed in the MOU between the grantee/school-based health center operator and DCPS.</p>
<p>8. Will the grantee be required to work on developing MOU independently with DCPS and is DOH planning to assist the grantee in this process?</p>	<p>DOH will assist the grantee as needed/requested in developing the MOU with DCPS.</p>
<p>9. Page 50: DOH definition of “optional services”</p>	<p>“Optional services” refers here to program-specific interventions/services that emphasize and include the delivery of coordinated high quality individualized services to address the psychosocial needs of the client.</p>
<p>10. Referring to the length of the grant: How are we expected to administer services after the 2 year period without additional funding to support the administrative costs of the clinic?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Will the grantee be required to fund-raise to support the operations of the clinic after the initial two years of funding?</i> • <i>What is DOH doing to assist the clinics to ensure that there is a flow of funds to support the clinics operations after year 2?</i> 	<p>DOH is working with DHCF to establish a process that will allow the school-based health centers to bill Medicaid/the Medicaid managed care plans for services provided to students enrolled in Medicaid/those plans. The SBHCs for their part will need to have the capacity to bill Medicaid and commercial insurers for services provided to enrollees.</p>

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11. Who will be responsible for helping uninsured students to get insurance?	The SBHCs would be responsible, in cooperation with the school nurse, for helping uninsured students to enroll in Medicaid, the Alliance or other available health insurance coverage. The SBHCs would, for example, make referrals/provide information and if necessary would help the parents complete application forms.
12. Is there a separate time for the start up or does the 2 year period include start up and operation	The 2 year agreement includes start up and operation
13. Does DCPS have current/projected enrollment numbers for the school year?	The current enrollment numbers are: Anacostia - 900 Ballou - 1157 Coolidge – 608
14. Does DCPS have the square footage of the health suites?	More specific information (than what is in the RFA) on square footage is not yet available.
15. Will the suites be wired for phone and internet?	The suites will be wired for phone and internet; (land-line) phones will be provided.
16. Will there be a change in the law for the distribution of medication in schools?	DCPS/DOH intends to propose changes to the DCMR to allow dispensing of medication through the SBHC by license providers in good standing.
17. What is expected of the "Advisory Council?" Are grantees required to establish the council prior to securing the grants, and will they be required to include community members in the membership of the group? What controls will this group have over the operations of the SBHC?	The School Advisory Council (SAC) is a team of people representing various segments of the school community—parents, teachers, students, administrators, support staff, school nurse, and agency representatives. The purpose of a SAC is to assist in the preparation and evaluation of the services provided through the SBHC in addition to working with the agency operating the SBHC and DOH to develop process improvement plans and to assist the success of the SBHC.